




Doyle Eugene Goldsmith

August 11, 1938 - December 25, 2018

Doyle "Sonny" Goldsmith, 80, passed from this earthly life to be with his Lord and his beloved wife, on December 25, 2018. Doyle was born in Kent, Missouri on August 11, 1938. His parents migrated to the Central Valley and settled in Porterville, California.

He met the love of his life, Norma Faye Goldsmith, while attending Potterville High School. They were married on July 7, 1957. The eager couple woke up their neighbor, who was both a postman and a pastor, and had him marry them on the spot. The following Sunday, that same pastor gave a cautionary sermon about marrying too young, but he wished the couple luck in any case. It must have worked; the pair remained married for 62 years.

The young couple moved to Los Angeles and later to Bay area, but Visalia became their home for over 40 years. Doyle was a man of many talents  a tradesman, a florist, avid gardener, chef, a builder, and an accomplished business owner. Early in his career he worked as a florist in LA and later owned a floral shop in Visalia. Sonny and Faye also owned a restaurant in Exeter in the early 1970s. After working in the Bay Area as a plumber and recalling the joy in working as a team, Sonny and his wife embarked on a new business venture together. They established Day or Night Plumbing which served the valley for more than 30 years.

For all of his own accomplishments, Doyle's proudest moments were watching his only daughter, Carole Goldsmith, earn her doctorate degree and later become President of Fresno City College.

He is preceded in death by his parents Euel and Randa Goldsmith, his brother Larry "Butch" Goldsmith, and his wife, Norma Faye Goldsmith. He survived by daughter, Dr. Carole Goldsmith; grandchildren, Chad Dobbs, Chelsea Dobbs; great grandson, Nathan Dobbs; sister, Sharyn Schelling and her husband Robert; nieces, Laura Marshall and her husband, Todd; Shelly Minimmi and her husband, Michael; nephew, Larry Goldsmith; Doyle's two doting Papillions, Foxy and Roxy and many, many friends.

If you had the opportunity to know Doyle "Sonny" Goldsmith you knew he was a true gentleman who loved all people, rarely meeting a stranger and cherished his family above all things. He was a wonderful mentor to many and showed kindness to all.

The family would like to thank pallbearers: Chelsea Dobbs, Chad Dobbs, JR Arias, Mark Brooks, Vicki Hurd, Jim Sandifer, and Louie Dorado. Service for Doyle "Sonny" Goldsmith will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Avenue Visalia, California. Graveside Service will immediately follow at Visalia Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Avenue Visalia, California. Condolences can be made to www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Funeral

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

JAN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Tracy L. Oliveira lit a candle in memory of Doyle Eugene Goldsmith



Tracy L. Oliveira - January 03, 2019 at 07:28 PM

AP

“ My life was touched by this wonderful gentleman who asked if he could sit and have lunch with me on November 2nd of this year. We had an amazing conversation about kids, spouses, life and being blessed! Carole - your dad thought the world of you! You called him while we were sitting there...his eyes lit up while you had a brief chat! He was so proud of the person you are! I wish I had had the chance to see him again. I was so saddened to read of his passing in today's newspaper. He truly touched my life in the hour we spent together. To his family - know that there was one more person out there who was made better by having met Doyle. My condolences to you.

~ Amy Powell

Amy Powell - December 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

LF

“ Larry and Marlene Trimm and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Doyle Eugene Goldsmith.



Larry and Marlene Trimm and Family - December 28, 2018 at 04:56 PM

CG

“ Doyle was such a caring and loving man. A true gentleman! I loved the stories he'd tell me about how much he loved his wife. A love everyone seeks for in a lifetime. I was so happy to see him right before Christmas. My heart hurts for the loss of a man who always brought sunshine to everyone. 🙏 Rest easy Doyle. Forever in our hearts.



Corrissa Garza - December 28, 2018 at 03:11 PM

AC

“ Aurora Canales lit a candle in memory of Doyle Eugene Goldsmith



aurora canales - December 28, 2018 at 12:52 AM